

Expedited Bill No.: 33-04
Concerning: Homeland Security—
Reorganization
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Ch. 25, Laws of Mont. Co. 2004

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the request of the County Executive

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) create the Department of Homeland Security within the Executive Branch;
- (2) establish certain functions for the Department of Homeland Security; and
- (3) generally amend County law regarding emergency management and homeland security.

By Adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 2, Administration
Division 21. Department of Homeland Security
Section 2-64O

By Amending

Chapter 1A, Structure of County Government
Section 1A-201, Establishing Departments and Principal Offices

Chapter 21, Fire and Rescue Service
Section 21-12(a)(9), Master fire, rescue, and emergency medical services plan.

Boldface

Heading or defined term.

Underlining

Added to existing law by original bill.

[Single boldface brackets]

Deleted from existing law by original bill.

Double underlining

Added by amendment.

[[Double boldface brackets]]

Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.

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Existing law unaffected by bill.

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Section 2-64O is added and Sections 1A-201 and 21-12 are amended as follows:**

2 **1A-201. Establishing departments and principal offices.**

3 (a) *Executive Branch.*

4 (1) These are the departments and principal offices of the Executive Branch.

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6 Health and Human Services [Section 2-42A]

7 Homeland Security [Section 2-64O]

8 Housing and Community Affairs [Section 2-27 et seq.]

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10 **Division 21. Department of Homeland Security**

11 **2-64O. [[Department of Homeland Security.]] Functions and organization.**

13 [(a) Generally.] The Department of Homeland Security is responsible for planning,
14 managing, and integrating the County's emergency management and homeland security
15 programs. The Department has the following functions:

16 (a) Undertake emergency management and disaster preparedness planning, and
17 coordinate response and recovery operations to a disaster.

18 (b) Coordinate homeland security intelligence programs in conjunction with the
19 Montgomery County Police, Sheriff, and other local, state, and federal law
20 enforcement agencies and disease surveillance systems of public health.

21 (c) Manage the interdepartmental governance of the Public Safety Communications
22 Center (PSCC) and the Alternate Public Safety Communications Center
23 (APSCC), and coordinate the interoperability of the PSCC and the APSCC with
24 state, regional, and federal agencies.

- 25 (d) Develop and integrate policies and procedures on homeland security, emergency
26 management, and emergency preparedness with the Montgomery County Fire and
27 Rescue Service; the Departments of Police; Health and Human Services; and
28 Public Works and Transportation; the Office of the Sheriff; and other County
29 government departments and public agencies as necessary.
- 30 (e) Coordinate community outreach and volunteer support of emergency
31 preparedness and homeland security.
- 32 (f) Coordinate the County's homeland security and emergency preparedness
33 programs with federal, state, regional, [[and]] local, and municipal agencies and
34 the Housing Opportunities Commission, Montgomery College, Montgomery
35 County Public Schools, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
36 Commission, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Washington
37 Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and utilities and telecommunications
38 companies doing business in the County.
- 39 (g) Develop, coordinate, and manage state and federal grants relating to homeland
40 security and emergency preparedness.
- 41 (h) [[Plan and manage]] Coordinate the security of County facilities[[;]].
- 42 (i) Coordinate and integrate the County's public health emergency preparedness
43 programs and response.
- 44 (j) Undertake other related functions designated by the County Executive.

45 21-12. Master fire, rescue, and emergency medical services plan.

46 (a) The Commission must review the master fire, rescue, and emergency medical
47 services plan on an ongoing basis, and must propose any appropriate amendments to
48 the Fire Chief, Executive, and Council. The master plan must include at least:

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Sec. 2. Expedited effective date.

55 The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the
56 public interest. This Act takes effect on January 1, 2005.

58 *Approved:*

59 /s/

10/27/04

Steven A. Silverman, President, County Council

Date

60 *Approved:*

61 /s/

11/4/04

Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive

Date

62 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

63 /s/

11/5/04

Mary A. Edgar, CMC, Clerk of the Council

Date